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For: Method for Producing Ultra-Pure Alginates

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 6, 2003, in the subject application,

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Authorization and Petitions begin on page 8 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)Applicant(s): **Zimmermann, et al.**

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1651Invention: **Method for Producing Ultra-Pure Alginates****RECEIVED****AUG 11 2003****TECH CENTER 1600/2900****TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

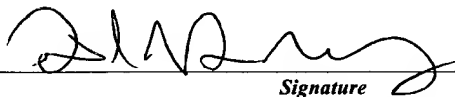
- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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